

**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
13381

In Re Application Of: William Delaney, et al.

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David Guzo

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Invention: A METHOD FOR DETECTING VARIANT HBV

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of May 29, 2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: August 29, 2003 _____ until: November 29, 2003
Date _____ Date _____

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	77 -	66 =	11	x \$18.00	\$198.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 -	3 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$198.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$950.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$1,148.00

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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

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A check in the amount of \$1,148.00 for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$0.00

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP

- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-1013/SSMP

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Dated: December 1, 2003

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